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To: All Field Office Managers
Attn: Cultural Resource Specialists, Fire Management Officers

From: Deputy State Director, Natural Resources Division

Subject: Cultural Resources Protocol Amendment for Prescribed Fire

The purpose of this information bulletin (IB) is to obtain your comments on the enclosed draft Amendment to the Statewide Protocol for Cultural Resources.

The draft Amendment, *Supplemental Procedures for Protection of Cultural Resources from Prescribed Fire Effects*, allows considerable latitude in achieving compliance with the requirements of Section 106. Key elements of the Amendment include:

- Inventory that selectively focuses on “at-risk” cultural resources rather than all cultural resources. At-risk cultural resources are those that are significant or potentially significant and which are susceptible to fire damage;
- Exclusion of cultural resources with low fire damage potential from identification and management during the burn project;
- Deferred evaluation of at-risk cultural resources when those resources can be protected through avoidance or the application of standard treatment measures; and,
- Post-burn field surveys of selected (sampled) portions of prescribed fire areas where vegetation and obscuring ground cover have been removed through the prescribed burn.

Please contact Stephen Horne, Fire Archeologist at 916-978-4649 or Ken Wilson, State Archaeologist at 916-978-4648 with any questions.

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1 Attachment

1- *Supplemental Procedures for Protection of Cultural Resources from Prescribed Fire Effects* (13 pages)